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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

Michael Bush, pro se

Plaintiff

v.

**Acton Boxborough Regional School District,
Peter Light,
Erin O'Brien Bettez,
Dawn Griffin Bentley**

Defendants

Civil Action No.: 1:21-cv-12039

Plaintiff's First Interrogatories to Defendants
(Fed. R. Civ. P. 33)

Pursuant to Rule 33 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiff Michael Bush hereby requests that each of the Defendants respond to the following interrogatories as fully and completely as possible, sign the answers under oath, and return the same within thirty (30) days of service. Any answers to these interrogatories are understood to be identical from each Defendant unless distinct answers are provided and attributed to an individual Defendant.

DEFINITIONS

1. The term "Complaint" as used herein shall refer to the 1st amended complaint pending in the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts, Case number 1:21-cv-12039
2. The term "date" as used herein shall mean the exact month, day, and year, if ascertainable, or your best approximation thereof.

3. The connectives "and" and "or" shall be construed either conjunctively or disjunctively as necessary to bring within the scope of the discovery request all responses that might otherwise be construed to be outside of its scope.
4. Words in the singular include words in the plural, and words in the plural include words in the singular. Words in the past tense include the present, and words in the present tense include the past.
5. **Pursuant to Local Rule of Civil Procedure 26.5(c), Definitions.** The following definitions apply to all discovery requests:
 6. **(1) *Communication*.** The term “communication” means the transmittal of information (in the form of facts, ideas, inquiries, or otherwise).
 7. **(2) *Document*.** The term “document” is defined to be synonymous in meaning and equal in scope to the usage of this term in Fed. R. Civ. P. 34(a). A draft or nonidentical copy is a separate document within the meaning of this term.
 8. **(3) *Identify (With Respect to Persons)*.** When referring to a person, “to identify” means to give, to the extent known, the person’s full name, present or last known address, and, when referring to a natural person, the present or last known place of employment. Once a person has been identified in accordance with this subsection, only the name of that person need be listed in response to subsequent discovery requesting the identification of that person.
 9. **(4) *Identify (With Respect to Documents)*.** When referring to documents, “to identify” means to give, to the extent known, the
 - (A) type of document;
 - (B) general subject matter;

(C) date of the document; and

(D) author(s), addressee(s), and recipient(s).

10. **(5) *Parties.*** The terms “plaintiff” and “defendant” as well as a party’s full or abbreviated name or a pronoun referring to a party mean the party and, where applicable, its officers, directors, employees, partners, corporate parent, subsidiaries, or affiliates. This definition is not intended to impose a discovery obligation on any person who is not a party to the litigation.

11. **(6) *Person.*** The term “person” is defined as any natural person or any business, legal, or governmental entity or association.

12. **(7) *Concerning.*** The term “concerning” means referring to, describing, evidencing, or constituting.

13. **(8) *State the Basis.*** When an interrogatory calls upon a party to “state the basis” of or for a particular claim, assertion, allegation, or contention, the party shall:

(A) identify each and every document (and, where pertinent, the section, article, or subsection thereof), which forms any part of the source of the party’s information regarding the alleged facts or legal conclusions referred to by the interrogatory;

(B) identify each and every communication which forms any part of the source of the party’s information regarding the alleged facts or legal conclusions referred to by the interrogatory;

(C) state separately the acts or omissions to act on the part of any person (identifying the acts or omissions to act by stating their nature, time, and place and identifying the persons involved) which form any part of the party’s information regarding the alleged facts or legal conclusions referred to in the interrogatory; and

(D) state separately any other fact which forms the basis of the party's information regarding the alleged facts or conclusions referred to in the interrogatory.

INTERROGATORIES

INTERROGATORY NO. 1:

Do you assert you had the legal authority to issue and/or implement the face mask mandate(s) identified in the 1st amended Complaint? State the basis of your assertion, including but not limited to identifying legal and/or other references upon which you relied. If your belief in your legal authority changed over time, state the change(s) in your belief, the date(s) upon which those changes occurred, and the base(s) of the change(s) in your belief. In accordance with Local Rule of Civil Procedure 33.1(b) please produce copies of all documents your answers reference.

INTERROGATORY NO. 2:

Before issuing and/or implementing the face mask mandate(s) identified in the 1st amended Complaint, did you assess whether wearing face masks or shields was safe and effective for preventing the spread of COVID-19? If so, on what date(s) and how did you conduct that assessment, including but not limited to identifying medical or other references you relied upon. If you conducted such an assessment, what were the findings of your assessment? If you assert that wearing face masks or shields was safe and effective for preventing the spread of COVID-19, state the basis of that assertion including but not limited to identifying medical or other references you relied upon. If you believe that wearing face masks or shields was safe and effective for preventing the spread of COVID-19 and your belief changed at any time, state the change(s) in your belief, the base(s) of the change in your belief, and the date(s) of that change(s). In accordance with Local Rule of Civil Procedure 33.1(b) please produce copies of all documents your answers reference.

INTERROGATORY NO. 3:

During the period(s) of time in which the face mask mandate(s) identified in the 1st amended Complaint was/were in effect, state the policy/ies for allowance of non-human animals in the Acton Boxborough Regional School District's buildings, including but not limited to guide dogs, pets, and/or emotional support animals. In accordance with Local Rule of Civil Procedure 33.1(b) please produce copies of all documents your answer references.

INTERROGATORY NO. 4:

Identify each person(s) (other than your attorney) with whom you have communicated about this lawsuit. On what date(s) did you communicate with them? With each date, identify the form(s) the communication took (such as but not limited to telephone call, in person oral discussion, email, text message, FaceBook message, etc.). With each date, summarize the substance of each person's communication. In accordance with Local Rule of Civil Procedure 33.1(b) please produce copies of all such messages and/or documents.


Date: December 15, 2022

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Michael Bush, hereby certify that I have, on this 15th day of December, 2022, served a copy of the foregoing upon the following by mail:

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